Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—The matter will be considered.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will this be placed before the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will be placed before the Road Board.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—When was the Mala Annamanada road completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was completed in 1102.

Kakkathuruthi road—widening of.

392. Mr. K. S. Manickam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received any petitions for widening the Kakkathuruthi road;

(b) what is the present width of the above road;

(c) is the width sufficient for two bullock carts to cross each other;

(d) is there not an unprotected tank called 'Kattikulam' very near the road between the first and second mile stones of the above road;

(e) are there not two dangerous and narrow curves on the above road a few yards to the west of the Girl's High School, Irinjalakkuda;

(f) will the Government kindly widen the road, remove the dangerous curves and construct a parapet wall to protect the above tank?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The average width of the road is about 14 feet in causeways and 16 feet in paramba portions.

(c) In some places, it is hardly sufficient.

(d) Yes.

(e) There are two narrow curves on the road at the place.

(f) Action is being taken to widen and improve the curves.

Water Works staff—eligibility for privilege leave and other concessions.

393. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) are the present staff in the Water Works at Mattancheri, Trichur, Nemmara, etc., eligible for privilege leave and other concessions;

(b) is there any special reason for not extending to them the same privileges as are given to the Barge staff?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Water Works staff at Mattancheri and Trichur being temporary are not eligible for privilege leave under the rules while the staff at Nemmara and Aiylur being permanent are eligible for it. As regards the other concessions referred to by the Member, it is not understood what exactly are the concessions meant by him.

(b) The Barge staff are allowed privilege leave as a special case having regard to the arduous nature of their work.

Male Hospital—Mattancheri.

394. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Male Hospital now under construction in Mattancheri would be thrown open to the public by the end of 1111?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. The main building under construction will be completed only by December 1936.

Pipe water supply to Government buildings in Ernakulam.

395. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what amount can be charged against Government buildings for pipe water supply if calculations are made on the basis of supply to private houses;

(2) are not Government buildings in Municipal areas in British India subject to house tax and water tax?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Government buildings are not assessed for rental value and therefore it is not possible to calculate the charges on the basis of supply to private houses.

(2) Government have no information.

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